

In re: Brittenham et al.  
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#### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the Examiner's contacting Applicants' representative regarding amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants have made the above amendments as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for new addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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